

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MAY 1993 – A citizen's advisory committee has been established at the direction of Police Chief Daniel Kerr. The purpose of the committee is to advocate the interests of the citizens, serve as a forum for citizen input on police programs and policy, and advise on the delivery of police services and how well they are delivered. The committee comprises representatives from civic and homeowner associations, neighborhood watch groups and town businesses.

MAY 1983 – Be a VIP and have a ball at the Vienna Invitational Police Association (VIP) Ball on May 13 at Westwood Country Club. Entertainment by the popular Jack Corry Orchestra will highlight the gala, proceeds from which will go exclusively to the Vienna Police Association's charitable activities.

MAY 1973 – Voting in the Town election on May 1 will be held at the Community Center instead of Town Hall. Persons running for the three Council seats to be voted on include incumbents Neil M. Walp and Robert J. Skahan, also Boyd L. Booth, Raymond E. Hicks, Helen J. Demory, Martin J. Coyne, Jr., and Donald G. Richards.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP – 703-255-5727

Visit the Town's web site at www.ci.vienna.va.us

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For more information, call 703-255-6381.

Too often, used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water, releasing toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic into the environment. Recycled oil is a valuable resource that can be re-manufactured into new fuels.

Antifreeze, like oil, can contaminate water and should never be disposed of in drains or sewers. In addition, antifreeze stored around the house presents a great danger to children and pets; it tastes sweet but is deadly poison.

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities. In Virginia it is illegal to dispose of automobile batteries with refuse.



NEWSLETTER

May 2003

★Memorial Day★

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. Trash will be picked up as usual that day for residents on the Monday collection route.

American Legion Post 180's Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Flint Hill Cemetery in Oakton beginning at 10:30 a.m. with a concert by the Vienna Community Band. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Post Home, 330 Center St., N.

The Post 180 Auxiliary will conduct its annual Poppy Promotion throughout Vienna during Memorial Day weekend, with proceeds going to veterans' hospitals in Virginia.

Budget Hearing

At its May 12 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2003-2004. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library. A "Budget in Brief" summary may be obtained free of charge at Town Hall, and the entire budget document may be purchased. For more information, call the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350.

A look at the proposed Town budget is included on pages 5-8 of this newsletter.

TOWN ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 6

All Voting at Vienna Community Center
Polls Open 6 a.m.–7 p.m.

Town Council Candidates
(vote for no more than three)

Dan M. Dellinger
Ken Kemper
Paul Layer

George E. Lovelace
Maud F. Robinson
Sydney H. Verinder

For election results, call the Vienna Newsline, 703-255-6333, about two hours after polls close or visit www.ci.vienna.va.us

DPW Open House at Northside

The Vienna Department of Public Works will celebrate Public Works Week with an open house at the Northside Public Works Facility, 600 Mill St., N.E., on Thursday, May 8, from 2 to 6 p.m. All residents, school and scout groups, and others interested in seeing the facility and a display of Public Works vehicles and equipment are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be "hard hats" and Clean & Green coloring books for the kids. Groups of five or more are asked to call 703-255-6381 for reservations.

Farmers' Markets Back in Business

The Saturday Farmers' Market behind Town Hall, sponsored by the Vienna Jaycees, will open May 3 from 8 a.m. to noon, featuring flowers, berries, kettle corn and more. For information, call Karyn at 703-861-7784.

The Wednesday Farmers' Market at Nottoway Park opens May 7 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with early strawberries, organic produce and a Plant Clinic. For information, call Ed Bielecki at 703-281-3530.

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TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

FEBRUARY 3, 2003

- Conducted a closed session to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

- Conducted a public hearing on proposed amendments to Vienna's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas to comply with changes in state law.

- Extended the engineering services contract with Tri-Tek Engineering for 90 days so that work in progress can be completed under current contract pricing.

FEBRUARY 24, 2003

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.

- Reappointed George Creed and Tejendra Singh to the Planning Commission for two-year terms.

- Approved the razing of the Moorefield house at an estimated cost of \$3,500. A complete documentation and archeological assessment of the house is to be

made in coordination with Historic Vienna, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. A historical memorial is to be constructed on the site honoring Jeremiah Moore.

- Approved the lease between the Town and Historic Vienna, Inc., for the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E.

- Approved the Vienna Jaycees' request to operate the farmers' market behind Town Hall from May 3 through October 25. The Jaycees will be paid an operational fee of \$25 per Saturday.

- Approved the rental of a vehicle for the Police Department Narcotics Section at \$868.64 per month for approximately six months, funds to come from the Asset Forfeiture Account.

- Assigned the contract for recyclable material processing to FCR Virginia until the March 8 contract expiration date.

- Due to pending legislation in the General Assembly, suspended until further notice any request from groups for an exemption from Town property taxes.

- Took no action on installation of a four-way stop at Moore Avenue and Glyndon Street, S.E.

- Referred to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation a request to remove the property at 130 Pleasant St., N.W., from the Windover Heights Historic District.

- Adopted amendments to Vienna's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas to comply with changes in state law.

MARCH 3, 2003

- Conducted a closed session to discuss matters of real estate.

- Vacated sanitary sewer easements on the property of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

- Approved the contract with International Salt Co. of Clarks Summit, Pa., for 400 tons of road de-icing salt at a price of \$39.23 per ton, or \$15,692.

- Approved a contract for unleaded gasoline in an estimated amount not to exceed \$45,000 during a 12-month period.

- Recommended the following residents to the Fairfax County Board of Elections to serve at the May 6 Town election: Regina Jordan, Chief Election Officer; Constance Wax, Assistant Chief Election Officer; Lois Karcha, John Karcha, Corinne S. Hanna, Cathryn A. Thompson, Joanne D. Scott, Beth Corrigan, Beverly C. Harris, Katherine B. Harris, Teresa Pyszka, Patricia F. Polychrones, Robert Burns and Dorothy Burns, Election Officers; Lee L. Decker, Arnold Perko, Linda L. Gaines, Peter R. Stevens and Bonita Pennino, Alternate Officers. Approved funds for wages and lunch for the election officers.

- Approved the request from Legends Flooring to reduce the amount of space it leases in the Town-owned building at 144 Maple Ave., E.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Albert J. Boudreau Vincent J. Olson
Laurie Genevro Cole Michael J. Polychrones
Edythe F. Kelleher Maud F. Robinson

TOWN STAFF

Town Manager	John H. Schoeberlein	703-255-6370
Director of Public Works	Dennis W. King	703-255-6381
Chief of Police	Col. Robert A. Carlisle	703-255-6390
Director of Finance	Philip R. Grant	703-255-6320
Director of Parks & Recreation	Catherine L. Salgado	703-255-6356
Director of Planning & Zoning	Gregory M. Hembree	703-255-6341
Town Attorney	Steven D. Briglia	703-255-6305

Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
Deadline for June issue is Thursday, May 15.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	COMING NEXT MONTH ... June 1 - Town Council meeting June 7 - Recycle used oil, antifreeze & batteries at Northside Property Yard	Town election Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.		Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m.		
	4 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12 Town Council (meeting includes public hearing on FY 2004 budget)	13	14 Planning Commission	15	16	17
	18	19 Town Council	20 Town Council budget work session (if needed)	21 Board of Zoning Appeals	22 Board of Architectural Review	23	24 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.
	25	26 Memorial Day Town Hall closed	27 Transportation Safety Commission	28	29	30	31

2003

May

Fight the Bite

Say NO to Mosquitoes



Eliminate Standing Water
Don't let mosquitoes "BUG" you!
There are things that YOU CAN DO!

During May, June and August, workers from Clark Mosquito Control (CMC) will be treating storm sewer catch basins in Vienna and throughout Fairfax County in an effort to control the mosquito population that spreads West Nile virus. CMC employees and their vehicles will be clearly identifiable. All storm sewer catch basins may not be treated because the larvacide will carry through the storm sewer system and into the streams for maximum effectiveness. Citizens may also purchase a larvacide known as mosquito "dunks" at many hardware stores and garden centers. The dunks can be placed in roof gutters and other areas of standing water where mosquitoes breed.

The best way to prevent mosquitoes from breeding is to eliminate standing water in discarded tires, tarps covering firewood, pet's water bowls, flower pots, bird baths and other potential breeding sites.

More information is available at the County web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in March:

Small Business Resources
consultant
508 Creek Crossing Rd., N.E.
703-255-3041

Potomac Asphalt Co.
contractor — paving
129 Kingsley Rd., S.W.
703-930-9875

Value Links
mail order gifts
1006 Lynn St., S.W.
703-255-3247

Your Garden Helper
consultant
1015 Tapawingo Rd., S.W.
703-938-2135

Picassole
sales of arts & crafts
902 Farley Ct., S.E.
703-255-2526

Deaf Learning Systems
sales of CD for the deaf
262 Cedar Ln., S.E. #M1
703-846-9160

East Chateau Restaurant
Chinese restaurant
146 Maple Ave., W.
703-255-2588

Gail C. Groy
school psychologist
380 Maple Ave., W.
703-938-5234

Convenient Location & Friendly Service

SHOP IN VIENNA

Support Our Hometown Merchants

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES — Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, for their years of service to the community: *40 years* — Ray's Auto Body; *20 years* — C&R Electric, Lee's Car Wash, Louis S. Papa, Attorney, Urgent Medical Care of Vienna; *10 years* — John Proctor & Associates.

NEW IN TOWN? Vienna's Public Information Office has a welcome packet especially for new residents. Stop by Town Hall and pick one up, or call 703-255-6330 to have one mailed to you.

Arbor Day Tree Planting At Police Station

The Community Enhancement Commission along with the Town Council will hold an Arbor Day ceremony at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Vienna Police Department, 215 Center St., S.

Mayor Jane Seeman will read this year's official Arbor Day proclamation, then join other Town officials and members of the Police Department in a tree-planting ceremony. The Town will also receive a proclamation from the Virginia Department of Forestry declaring Vienna a "Tree City USA."

For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

The Community Enhancement Commission reminds everyone that Arbor Day is a time to notice how much trees contribute to our lives. They provide beauty, shade and oxygen, promote property values, and act as reservoirs of rainwater. Unfortunately, trees do have a natural lifespan, and can succumb to stress, pollution and disease. That is why it is so important for us to plant more trees to offset the loss.

Meet Supervisor Cathy Hudgins

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins invites citizens to meet with her on Wednesday, May 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, call the Supervisor's office at 703-478-0283.

2003 Viva! Vienna!

FESTIVAL

Along Vienna's Historic Church Street

Saturday, May 24th
10 am - 11 pm

Sunday, May 25th
10 am - 10 pm

Monday, May 27th
10 am - 6 pm



SPECIAL EVENTS

Arts & Crafts Vendors
(Sunday & Monday)

Live Music & Entertainment
(Afternoons & Evenings)

Wide Assortment of Food & Drink
Carnival Rides for Adults & Children

Register to Win Prizes

For Information visit
www.vivavienna.org or
Call 703-255-4742

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NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Spring Cleanup Day Saturday, May 3, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Clean up your own neighborhood, or be assigned an area of town that needs attention. Check in at the Vienna Community Center on cleanup day to receive garbage bags and gloves.

Vienna Theatre Company's spring musical, "Forever Plaid," will continue May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and May 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older.

Enjoy a favorite family movie outdoors at Glyndon Park on Friday, May 30, beginning at dusk (around 8 p.m.). Admission is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Parents are required to stay with their children during the movie. For information on which G-rated film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on May 28 and for weather information on the day of the show.

BUS TRIPS

Chesapeake Bay Bridge Walk, scheduled for Sunday, May 4, has been canceled. The Maryland Transportation Authority announced it did not wish to take police officers away from their normal duties during a time of increased homeland security.

Enjoy the casino at Midway Slots in Delaware on Thursday, May 22. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. and return about 8 p.m. The cost of \$20 for town residents includes transportation and buffet meal. Reservation deadline May 15. Adults only.

JUST FOR KIDS

"KidsFest 2003" Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center and across Cherry Street at the fire station. All activities are free of charge

and will include a bicycle safety rodeo, car seat safety checks, moon bounce, face painting, puppet show, magic show and "balloonologist." Advance registration is required for participation in the bicycle safety rodeo, which will begin at 10 a.m. for ages 5 and 6, 11 a.m. for ages 7 and 8, and 12:30 p.m. for ages 9-12.

Boys and girls ages 11-18 are invited to audition for the Vienna Youth Players' summer musical production, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," May 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. and June 2 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Call beginning May 6 to schedule an audition time. Children should come prepared to move and sing.

MATURE ADULTS

Personal history symposium, Thursday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Keynote speaker Kirsten Taranto, Senior Wellness Programmer for Arlington County, will discuss what it takes to write an exciting and interesting memoir. Participants are asked to bring along stories about their own writing experiences or interest in writing. The fee of \$5 per person includes coffee and tea; bring a bag lunch. Advance registration required.

Special walking series will be held each Wednesday, May 7-28, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Metro Run and Walk, 7516 Leesburg Pk., Falls Church. Learn how select the proper shoes and clothing, set goals, and maintain hydration. Free of charge.

Tour Channel 10, Fairfax Public Access TV, on Wednesday, May 14, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Get a behind-the-scenes view of the facilities and learn about opportunities to become involved in the world of television production and promotions. Free of charge; transportation to the studio is on your own.

Washington Post tour Monday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of \$25 for town residents includes transportation,

a behind-the-scenes look at the newspaper operations and lunch at Twigs restaurant.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

Mortal Thoughts: Everything You Need to Know Before You Go will be presented on Monday, June 2, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include medical directives (living wills), gift planning, Medicaid, funeral and burial options, probate in other states, new tax laws, and wills and trusts. Free of charge.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Teen Job Fair May 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be eight to ten employers as well as a representative from the Falls Church SkillSource Center. Teens ages 14 and up who are looking for summer (or even long-term) employment are invited to attend.

Babysitting fundamentals, for boys and girls age 12 and older, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Learn how to care for infants and young children, including bathing, games/activities, basic first aid, diapering, and safety practices. The fee of \$30 per person includes a manual and certificate upon completion. Bring a bag lunch and a doll.

Dance for middle school students Friday, May 30, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$3 per person.

POTPOURRI

Caring for Your Newborn, for expectant parents, will be held on Tuesday, May 6 and again on June 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. Dr. Brenda Murphy of Advanced Pediatrics will discuss choosing a pediatrician, preparing the nursery, nutrition, changing and clothing, carrying, bathing, umbilical cord care, car seat use, and when to call your doctor. Free of charge.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Southeast Vienna Home Tour for ages 12 and over will be held rain or shine on Saturday, May 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. Five custom homes designed and built by Steve Bukont and Doug D'Alexander will be open at 708 Glyndon St., S.E.; 303 Talahi Rd., S.E.; 219 Tapawingo Rd., S.E.; 214 McHenry St., S.E.; and 8635 McHenry St. Tickets are \$20 per person, available at the homes on the day of the tour. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society, and Cunningham Park and Vienna Elementary Schools. For information, e-mail abukont@cox.rr.com.

Giant yard sale to benefit The Enterprise School, a non-profit alternative high school for at-risk youth, will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1629 Beulah Rd. (across from Meadowlark Botanical Gardens). For information, call 703-281-2232.

Red Hat Society is a national organization for women over age 50 who just want to have fun. The Vienna Chapter, "Totally Eccentric Adventurous Red Hatters," is currently seeking new members. To find out more about this disorganized organization with no dues, no plans and no work, call Shirley Jackson at 703-938-4747 or visit www.redhatsociety.com.

Spring variety sale to benefit Friends of Homeless Animals will be held at the Vienna Community Center on Saturday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tax-deductible donations may be brought to the Community Center from 5 to 9 p.m. May 9. Friends of Homeless Animals is a no-kill shelter for dogs and cats; proceeds from the sale will pay for food, medical treatment and other necessities for the animals. For more information, call 703-765-2475.

Used books wanted for Historic Vienna Inc.'s annual June sale at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Donations may be dropped off during regular operating hours or left on the front porch after hours. Please do not bring *National Geographics* or other magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, or *Reader's Digest* condensed books. For information, call

703-938-5187. Volunteers are needed to help sort books each Saturday morning until the sale.

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends will hold their regular luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, May 8, at Marco Polo Restaurant. The program will feature the Patchwork Dancers, a local group of cloggers. The club also sponsors several bridge groups. For information, call 703-281-4811 or 703-938-3505.

Vienna Arts Society gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The current show through June 7 is "Expressions of Contrast," featuring watercolors by Debi Elliott. For information, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartsociety.org.

Learning in Retirement Institute, an affiliate of George Mason University and member of the Elderhostel Institute Network, offers retirement age adults daytime courses, special events, trips, socials and other activities. Courses are offered in Fairfax City and Reston. Registration for the summer term will be held May 2-19. For information, call 703-503-3384 or visit www.gmu.edu/departments/lri.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia invites new residents to its luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 1, at Riverbend Country Club in Great Falls. May Bernhardt, owner of Mayflowers floral studio will discuss the latest trends in flower arranging. For reservations and information, call 703-281-2236.

Ayr Hill Garden Club will sell plants at its booth in front of the Freeman House during the ViVa! Vienna! town festival May 25 and 26. Proceeds go to the club's community beautification projects, including the gardens at the W&OD Trail crossing on Maple Avenue, Patrick Henry Library, the Caboose and Salisbury Spring on Lawyers Road.

Malcolm-Windover Heights Civic Association will hold its annual spring

dinner May 1 at Marco Polo Restaurant. For details, visit the association's web site, http://members.cox.net/mwhca_vienna/MWHCA_Home.htm.

Vienna Toastmasters will meet at the Vienna Community Center May 14 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in developing the skills of effective communication is welcome to attend. For information, call Valerie Hall at 703-426-8073.

La Leche League of Vienna will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 7. Pregnant and nursing women and their children are welcome to attend the discussion of "There's a New Baby in Your Life." For meeting location and more information, call 703-281-5801 or 703-716-4872.

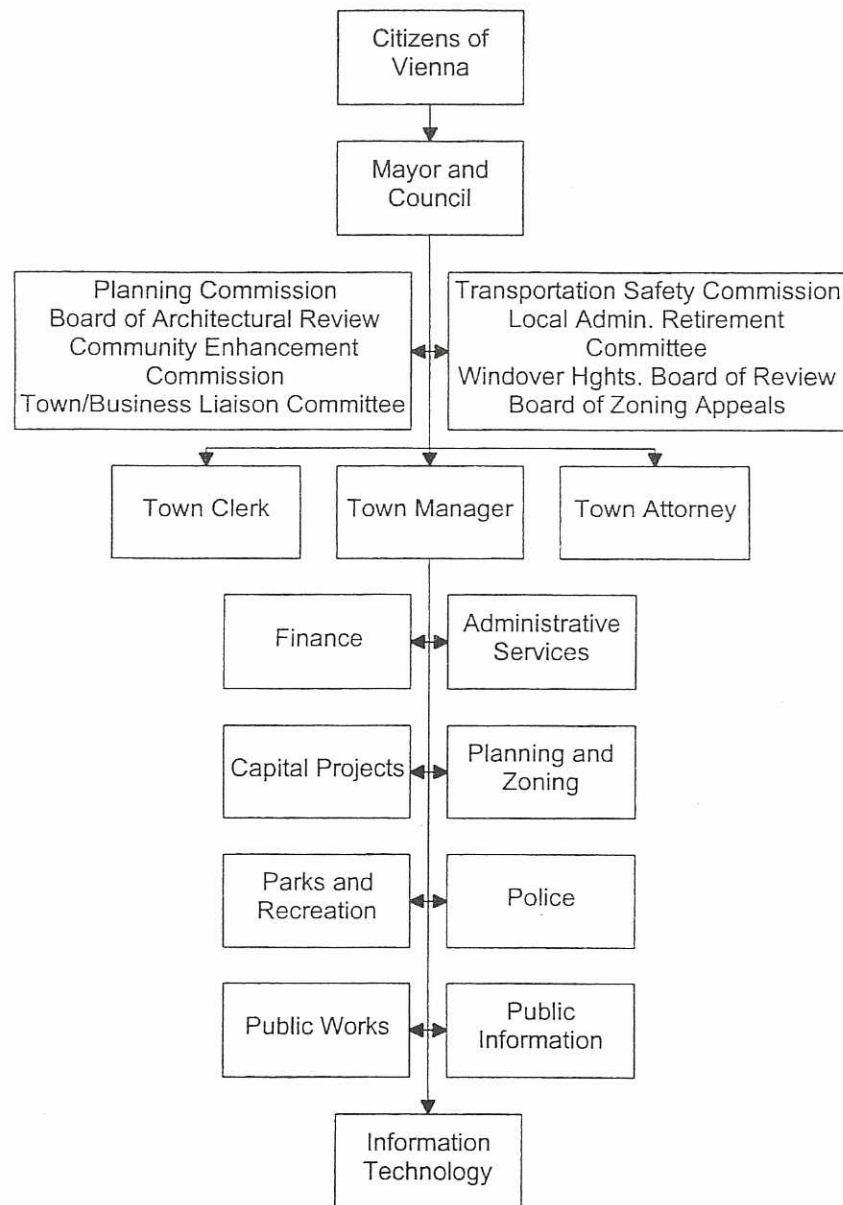
"Understanding Fibromyalgia," a free seminar on the causes of this syndrome, will be held on Monday, May 19, from 7 to 8 p.m. at New Life Wellness Center, 301 Maple Ave., W. Learn about the symptoms of fibromyalgia, which include chronic muscle pain, fatigue and depression, and some non-drug solutions. For information, call 703-242-7474.

Vienna Chapter of AARP will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, May 19, at the Vienna Community Center. The program will feature a performance by the Cunningham Park Elementary School chorus. For information, call Emilie Larson at 703-938-1379.

American Legion Auxiliary of Vienna will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Auxiliary members will place flags on veterans' graves at Flint Hill Cemetery on Friday, May 25, beginning at 10:30 a.m. For information, call Shirley Martin at 703-938-6580.

Vienna Choral Society will present a concert featuring music by American composers at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd., N.E. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for students and senior citizens, and \$25 for families. For information, call 703-255-5508.

TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA Organizational Chart



Vienna Receives Budget Award

For the ninth consecutive year, the Town of Vienna has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. This award is the highest form of recognition for governmental budgeting. In order to receive the award, a jurisdiction must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well a government's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all of these categories to receive the award.

Town Has Top Bond Rating

The Town of Vienna's general obligation bonds are rated "Aa1" by Moody's Investors Service. This high bond rating for a local government the size of Vienna is enjoyed by very few towns in the United States.

This rating enables the Town to finance debt at more favorable interest rates compared to those of municipalities with lower bond ratings, resulting in substantial savings for Vienna taxpayers over the life of the bonds.

Moody's noted that its high rating is based on Vienna's healthy economy, sound financial condition and rapid debt retirement.

The Town of Vienna borrows money by issuing tax-free general obligation bonds to finance major capital projects. The \$4.8 million of public improvements funded in the latest (2002) issue include acquisition of property at Maple Avenue and Mill Street for a Town Center Park and additional phases of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project.

Debt financing spreads the cost of capital projects over a period of many years, rather than charging the full cost to today's taxpayers. Also, the Town's policy of using meals and lodging tax revenues for a large portion of annual debt amortization payments limits the need for property tax increases to fund these projects.

VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor

M. Jane Seeman

Town Council Members

Albert J. Boudreau

Laurie Geneviro Cole

Edythe F. Kelleher

Vincent J. Olson

Michael J. Polychrones

Maud F. Robinson



Town of Vienna, Virginia A Look at the Proposed Budget For Fiscal Year 2003-2004

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

This year we were again faced with the prospect of declining revenues in many areas as well as increased costs, especially liability and health insurance. Overall revenue from the Commonwealth of Virginia, excluding Virginia Department of Transportation payments, is expected to decline when it should be increasing in categories such as state aid for police and ABC profits. Also, due to the current economic climate nationwide, interest paid on investments has continued to decline and, therefore, our earnings in this revenue category continue to lag. Declining revenues coupled with increasing costs have placed a strain on our ability to continue to reduce the real estate tax in an amount that would offset the overall increase in real estate assessments.

The FY 2003-04 budget is based on reducing the real estate property tax rate from 28½¢ to 28¢ per \$100 of assessed value. However, because of reassessments, the new rate still represents an effective tax increase of 6.71%. Obviously the effect of the increase will vary by property, but an "average" Vienna homeowner will see an increase in the real estate tax bill of \$98.69 per year.

The proposed budget also contains an increase in our water and sewer rates, the first in five years. We have been notified by our supplier, the City of Falls Church, to expect a rate increase and we will have to pass this increase along to our customers. Overall, a town resident will pay an additional \$50 per year for water and sewer service based on a quarterly usage of 25,000 gallons.

We have directed our efforts to continue all existing services, and the proposed budget maintains the existing expenditure amounts for infrastructure maintenance such as street resurfacing and concrete repair and replacement. Once the 2003-04 resurfacing program is complete, no street should be below the rank of 74 in our rating system except for those slated for reconstruction.

In the Snow Removal budget we proposed to replace two salt/sand spreaders and to purchase two calcium chloride dispersing units to aid in snow and ice control when temperatures prevent using normal road salt. In the Building Maintenance budget we have included funds for automated external defibrillators for Town Hall and the Community Center together with training for Town employees in their use.

Our computer replacement program has enabled us to keep our computers from becoming obsolete and also to standardize our inventory. In our vehicle and equipment replacement fund we continue to be successful in purchasing most replacement vehicles and equipment below budgeted amounts.

I invite you to read the entire budget message and proposed budget. The budget is available for public review at Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library. Citizens are also encouraged to attend the public hearing on the budget, which is scheduled for the Town Council meeting on Monday, May 12, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

Sincerely,

John H. Schoeberlein

John H. Schoeberlein
Town Manager

Budget Preparation And Adoption

The Code of the Town of Vienna requires that by July 1 of each year, the Vienna Town Council adopt by ordinance a budget establishing the tax rate for the incoming year. Estimated revenues must be equivalent to estimated expenditures. It is mandated in the Code that the fiscal year begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

At least one public hearing must be held on the budget prior to its adoption. Seven days prior to this hearing, the Town Clerk must publish a notice of Council's intention to hold such an event. The budget cannot be adopted at the same meeting at which the public hearing is held. Two notices, again at least seven days apart, must then be published in a paper of general circulation announcing Council's intention to adopt the budget. Following this advertisement, Council may then adopt the budget. After this action is taken, the Town Clerk publishes the final notice of adoption.

The Town of Vienna's budget process begins in January of each year when Council presents to the staff its budget priorities for the upcoming year. Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding are encouraged to express their views in writing to the Town Manager. In addition, non-profit Vienna organizations may apply for donations of Town funds.

The Town Manager then prepares and submits to the Town Council his proposed budget, and copies are made available to the public. This year, budget work sessions were scheduled for April 12 and 14 and, if needed, April 26. The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the Town Council meeting on May 12, which begins at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. If Council considers it necessary, a final budget work session to discuss comments made at the public hearing will be held on May 20. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for the June 2 Council meeting.

PROPOSED FY 2003-2004 BUDGET IN BRIEF

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES	
Property Tax (28¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation)	\$ 6,404,948
Public Service Taxes	98,500
Penalties & Interest	25,000
Other Local Taxes	5,071,842
Permits, Fees & Licenses	36,300
Fines & Forfeitures	345,700
Use of Money & Property	170,000
Park & Recreation Fees	425,000
Special Services Fees	15,400
Miscellaneous Revenues	63,000
Non-categorical Aid	416,420
Categorical Aid	1,119,717
Reimbursements	81,781
Interfund Transfers	814,500
Use of Prior Year Reserves	625,000
TOTAL	\$15,713,108

EXPENDITURES	
Legislative	\$ 559,407
Administration	1,338,895
Finance Department	1,036,260
Police Department	4,303,243
Public Works Department	5,221,975
Tax Relief	153,775
Parks & Recreation Department	1,989,422
Planning & Zoning Department	482,365
Reserves & Transfers	236,766
PC Replacement	50,000
Equipment Replacement	341,000
TOTAL	\$15,713,108

WATER & SEWER FUND

REVENUES	
Use of Money	\$ 53,665
Water & Sewer Charges	4,738,835
Miscellaneous Revenues	15,800
Use of Prior Year	
Retained Earnings	213,700
TOTAL	\$5,022,000

EXPENDITURES	
Operations & Maintenance	\$3,300,718
Meter Maintenance & Reading	288,211
Billing/Customer Service	137,839
Transfers	1,203,713
Equipment Replacement	91,519
TOTAL	\$5,022,000

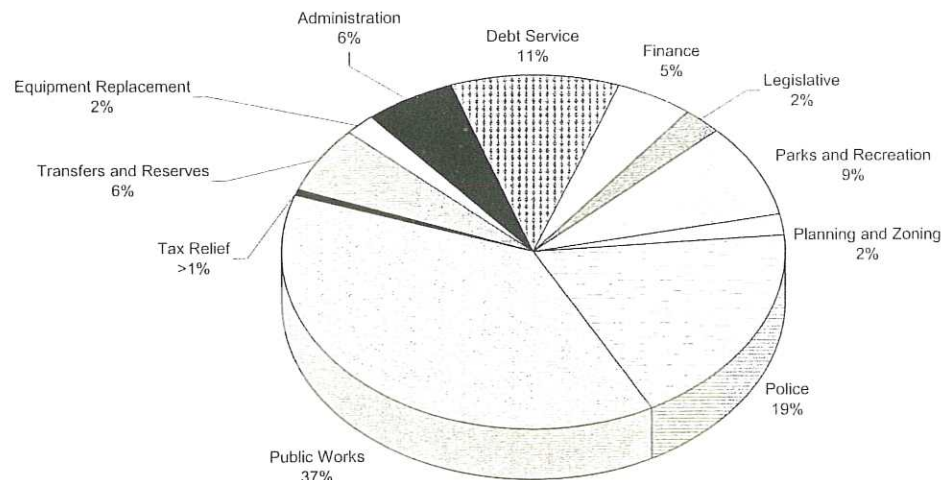
DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES	
Other Local Taxes	\$1,842,000
Use of Money	15,025
Interfund Transfers	377,613
Use of Prior Year Surplus	312,033
TOTAL	\$2,546,671

EXPENDITURES	
Administrative Costs	\$ 400
Debt Service	2,546,271
TOTAL	\$2,546,671

TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS \$23,281,779

TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES



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The proposed budget maintains the existing expenditure amounts for infrastructure maintenance, including street resurfacing and concrete repair and replacement. Funding is also included for the annual market adjustments to certain employee salaries along with a 2% salary adjustment for all employees.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

With the ongoing threat of terrorist attacks, federal, state and local public safety agencies are working together at unprecedented levels. The Vienna Police Department has been, and continues to be, actively engaged with other agencies throughout the area. Information is being exchanged constantly among law enforcement agencies through conference calls and other means on a daily basis. Resources have been reallocated to gather intelligence and pursue leads that may prevent or foil an attack. The Vienna Police continue to search for technology improvements that will assist them. In the near future the Police Department plans to install an Emergency Telephone Notification System (Reverse 911). This system will allow community-wide or geographically specific telephone alerts to residents or businesses about severe weather, incidents such as last fall's sniper attacks, or any other kind of emergency situation. This system will allow the police to communicate with citizens in a timelier manner and, it is hoped, provide citizens with more information than they may receive through other sources.



PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department budget is proposed to increase by \$132,784 or 2.6% over the 2002-03 budget. Funds are included for continuation of the expanded street resurfacing and concrete repair and replacement program, and purchase of two new salt/sand spreaders and two calcium chloride dispersing units to aid in snow and ice control.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration budget has increased by \$81,741 or 6.50%, primarily due to the increase of \$62,003 in the Risk Management Division. Worker's Compensation premiums

have risen by 15% after a 141% increase during Fiscal Year 2002-03. Premiums for vehicle and general liability coverage have also increased by approximately 7%. The Town has been advised by the Virginia Municipal League that because of the volatility in the insurance marketplace and reduced retentions in the insurance pool, existing rates could not be maintained and therefore member governments would face significant increase for the 2003-04 fiscal year.

TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

An increase in applications for tax relief for both real estate property tax and vehicle licenses is anticipated, and so the budget in these areas has been increased by \$23,340 or 13.6%. An increase is also expected in applications for the revitalization tax exemption program, and sufficient funds have been budgeted to meet the demand.

WATER AND SEWER FUND

For the first time in five years, an increase in water and sewer rates is included in the proposed budget. Costs have continued to rise and the Town has been able to absorb these increases without affecting the rates charged to customers. This year, however, faced with another rate increase from Vienna's supplier, the City of Falls Church, the additional cost will have to be passed along to customers. The proposed increases total 27¢ per 1,000 gallons for water and 23¢ per 1,000 gallons for sewer.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Department budget is proposed to increase by \$233,002 or 13.3%. A new Division of Historic Preservation has been established to detail expenses relating to the Historic Administrator's Office and Docents, and maintenance of historic structures in the Town. The Programs Division



has proposed a significant increase in spending to reflect a concerted effort to expand the number and variety of programs offered to the community. All of the increase is offset by participant fees and will be accomplished through the use of part-time staff and instructors as well as contractual employees.